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## Corps closes public access to Hillsdale outlet area during inspection

PAOLA, Kan. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will close public access to the outlet area of Hillsdale Lake Sunday in preparation for the Corps' up-coming inspection of the dam.

The area is set to reopen April 8 after a team of engineers from the Corps' Kansas City office conducts a routine inspection of the dam's structural and mechanical components.

"We are restricting public access during the inspection for the public's safety," said Jim Bell, the Corps' natural resource specialist at the lake. "Once we complete the inspection, we'll reopen the area as soon as quickly as possible to minimize any inconvenience to the public."

The inspection is part of the Corps' on-going safety and maintenance program aimed at ensuring its dams and its structures continue to function as designed, Bell said.

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